



## A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

### RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to help expedite the construction of buildings and other structures by allowing for special assignment inspections ("courtesy inspections"); i.e., the inspection of projects for codes compliance, in advance of the issuance of a building permit, for certain qualifying types of projects. The landowner and/or permit holder assumes all responsibility should the construction be found not in compliance with all applicable codes.

SECTION 2. Section 18-3.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, is amended to add a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

- (c) The building official may allow construction to proceed prior to the issuance of a building permit required under Subsection (a), above, provided a request for a special assignment inspection is submitted to the building official. Projects must meet the following:
- (1) The project has an accepted building permit application, and has been in process for at least 30 days;
  - (2) The project has obtained all applicable discretionary permits, such as a conditional use permit, special management area use permit, or special district permit;
  - (3) The project has provided adequate documentation that the project has met applicable requirements for flood hazard certification, stormwater quality compliance, and any outstanding conditions of approval associated with discretionary permits;
  - (4) Except for any notices of violation and notices of order on the property that will be corrected by the submitted building permit application, there are no other outstanding notices of violation, notices of order, or uncollected civil fines;
  - (5) The project does not involve single- and two-family detached dwellings;
  - (6) Excluded from special assignment inspections is work involving sidewalks, curbs, and driveways in public streets.
  - (7) The special assignment inspection fee, as established under Table No. 18-A Fees for Permits, is paid at the time the request is made, and is nonrefundable;
  - (8) The drawings used for the special assignment inspections, including the jobsite copy, are identical to the drawings submitted for building permit



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- approval. It shall be the applicant's responsibility to assure that all sets of drawings are consistent throughout the review and construction phases.
- (9) The building official finds that the project, as reflected in the building permit application materials:
- (A) Has a reasonable degree of likelihood that it will be approved;
  - (B) The construction poses no threat to public health and safety; and
  - (C) The project has a sense of urgency, such as lapsing of funds or deadlines for federal compliance.
- (10) Special assignment inspections shall expire eighteen months after the date of approval. Projects may apply for a new special assignment inspection approval, subject to the building official's approval; and
- (11) Special assignment inspections cannot be used for purposes of certificate of occupancy.

The applicant for special assignment inspections shall proceed at such person's own risk without assurance that any permit for the project will be granted. Violations discovered during the special assignment inspections may result in suspension of the special assignment inspections, a notice of violation, a stop work order, or suspension of the review of the pending building permit application.

SECTION 3. Table No. 18-A Fees for Permits, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, is amended to read as follows:

- (5) Special assignment inspection fee      [\$200.00] \$1,000.00

SECTION 4. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken, and new ordinance material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.



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SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Mr. K. K. K.*

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**APR 26 2019**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

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KIRK CALDWELL, Mayor  
City and County of Honolulu